

Amendments to the Specification:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)(1), please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following paragraph after the brief description of FIG. 5 beginning at col. 2, line 5:

FIG. 6 is a front elevation of an embodiment of the present pup joints in which the male and female subs are threaded onto the length of pipe.

Please insert the following paragraph after the paragraph in column 5 that begins with “Referring to **FIG. 5**”:

FIG. 6 illustrates another embodiment of the present pup joints, in which the version of the male sub **114** shown in **FIG. 4** and the version of the female sub **116** shown in **FIG. 3** are threaded onto the ends of length of pipe **112**. The threaded connection between the subs and the ends of length of pipe **112** are illustrated with dashed lines.